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Admiral chosen as head of CIA

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President Carter today nominated Admiral Stansfield Turner to be the next Director of Central Intelligence, a post which directs all secret American agencies including the CIA.

The Senate is expected to offer no opposition, in contrast to the debacle over Mr Carter's first nominee, Mr Theodore Sorensen, who withdrew in the face of Congressional opposition.

In picking Admiral Turner, President Carter has kept to his pledge to install an "outsider" rather than a member of the intelligence community.

Admiral Turner, aged 53, at present Commander-in-Chief, allied forces southern Europe, a Nato command based in Naples, is a military intellectual. He was a classmate of President Carter's at the Annapolis Academy in Maryland at the end of the Second World War, although a White House spokesman said today that Mr Carter



Admiral Turner: former classmate of the President.

"hardly knew" him there. When they graduated, Lieutenant Carter went into the submarine service, and Lieutenant Turner, who was first in the

class, won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford. He has been a "high flyer" ever since.

His most recent writing is an article in the latest *Foreign Affairs* quarterly. Entitled "The naval balance: not just a numbers game", the article eschews the alarmism that is so fashionable in military writing about the expansion of Soviet forces.

Instead, Admiral Turner looked at the respective missions of each navy, and its capabilities and found that in "sea control" the United States was still superior.

But he did not shrink from expressing his concern over the trends in Soviet expansion, particularly the relation between the dwindling number of American destroyers and anti-submarine vessels and the growth of the Soviet submarine fleet.

"We had better watch carefully to see how vigorously the Soviets continue to push their submarine programmes and how well our technological and tactical advances progress", he wrote.